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PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: J.M. Lofdahl

For: EQUIPMENT FOR STORAGE AND  
TRANSPORT OF LIVING FISH

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated October 28, 2003 are the following remarks. A Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application is also enclosed herewith. The Preliminary Amendment does not add any additional claims.

Election/Restrictions

Restrictions

In the Office communication, the Examiner stated that "this application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1." Office action, at 2.

The Examiner further indicated that the species are as follows:

Species A: Fig. 1-4

Species B: Fig. 5a, 5b, and 5c

Species C: Fig. 6

Election

The Examiner additionally indicated "Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable." Office action, at 2. In response, Applicant elects species A. Claims readable on Species A are claims 1-3, 6-9, and 13-18.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 10, and 19 read on Species B and that claims 5, 11, and 20 read on Species C.

Generic Claims

The Examiner has stated that claim 1, 2, 6-10 and 13-18 are generic. In response, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 is not generic, but that instead, claim 3 is generic. Further, Applicant submits that the features of species A are generic to Species B and C.

Conclusion

Consideration on the merits of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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